

Accelerated Reader Information Evening.

Welcome
Everyone!



**Accelerated
Reader™**

Children's Reading

'Young people who enjoy reading very much are nearly five times as likely to read above the expected level for their age compared with young people who do not enjoy reading at all.'

National Literacy Trust, *Children's and young people's reading today*, 2012



Children's Reading

'Children who read for pleasure are likely to do significantly better at school than their peers, making greater progress in mathematics, development of vocabulary and spelling.'

Sullivan & Brown, *Social inequalities in cognitive scores at age 16: The role of reading*, 2013



2014 National Curriculum

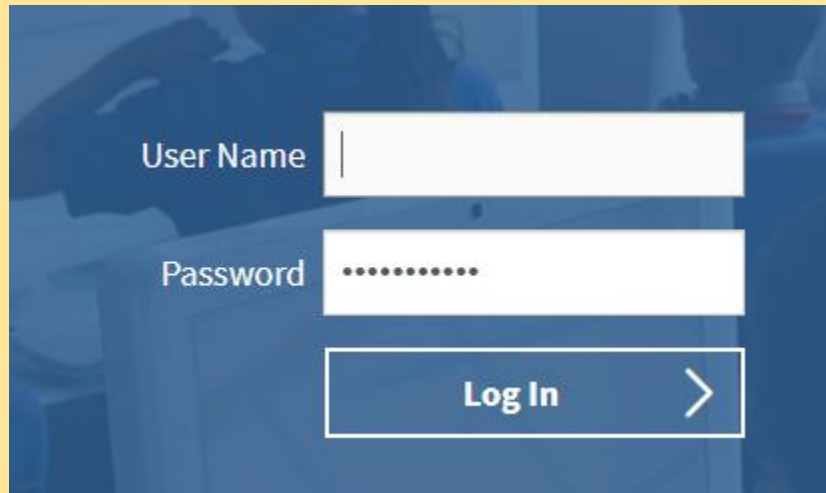
'Pupils should be taught to read fluently, understand extended prose, both fiction and non-fiction, and be encouraged to read for pleasure.'

'Schools should do everything to promote wider reading... Pupils should be reading widely and frequently, outside as well as in school, for pleasure and information.'

Accelerated Reader - what is it and what does it mean for your child?

- Thank you for joining us this evening.
- Hopefully this session will clarify any concerns/questions you may have linked to the Accelerated Reader Program and you'll take away **useful** and **practical** ways to help your child become a confident and successful reader.
- Any questions you have, please feel free to ask.

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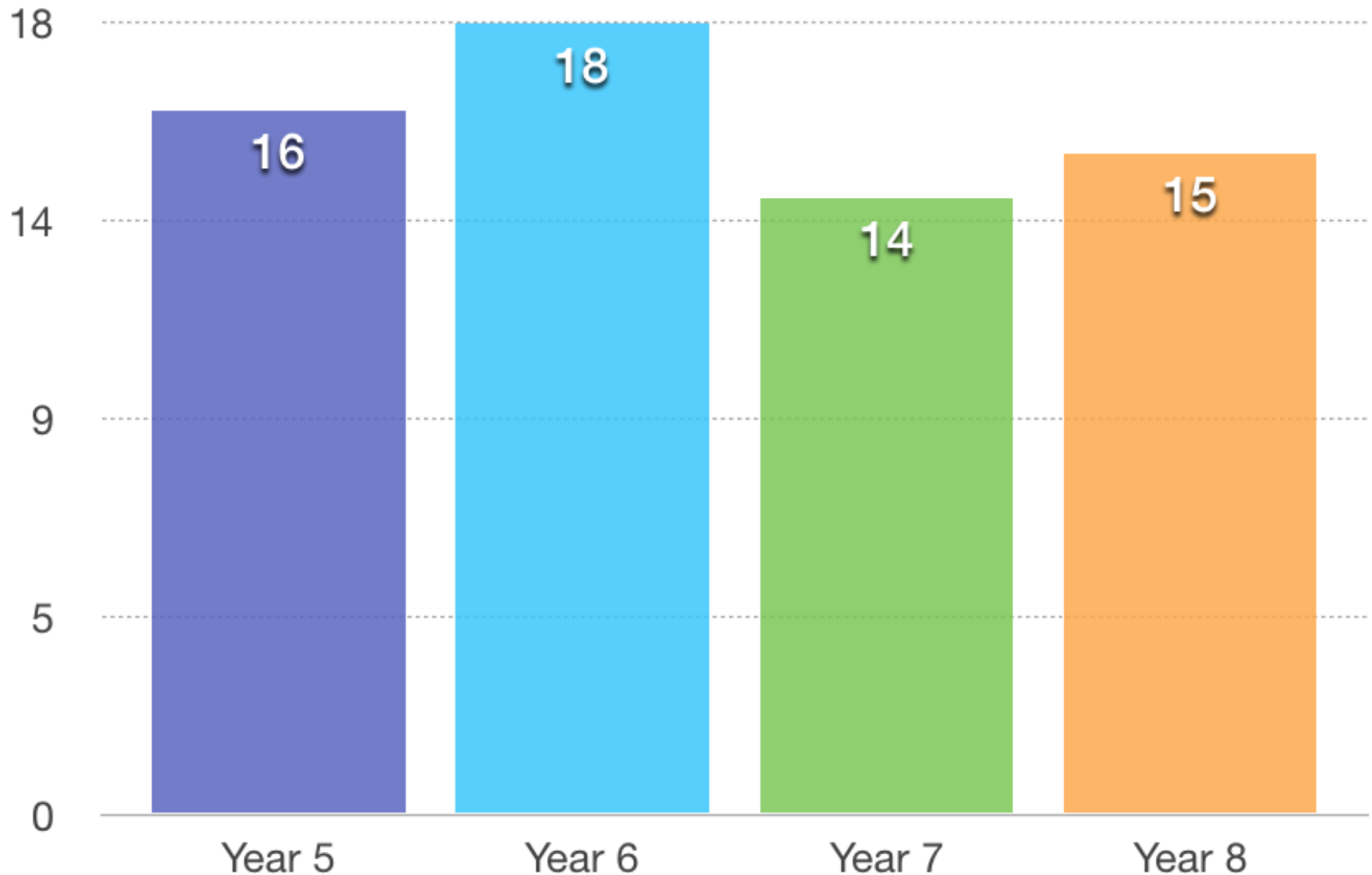
- Please always use the login above as this is our unique school login for your child to use in school and at home. Anything other than this exact address, will not work.

What is Accelerated Reader (AR)?

- AR is an exciting, internet-based program that helps teachers manage and monitor children's independent reading practice.
- Your ^[L]_[SEP] child picks a book at his/her own level and reads it at his/her own pace.
- When finished, your child takes a short quiz on the computer - passing the quiz is an indication that your child has understood what has been read.



Progress made in reading ages over 10 months.



What is a **STAR** Reading test?

- A STAR Reading Test is used to determine your child's reading level. It is a computer based reading assessment program that uses computer - adaptive technology.
- Questions **continually adjust** to your child's responses.
- If the child's response is **correct**, the **difficulty level is increased**.
- If the child cannot answer a question or answers **incorrectly**, the **difficulty level is reduced**, but it is still challenging.
- The test uses multiple-choice questions and takes approximately 20 minutes.
- No reading test is 100% accurate 100% of the time, but these tests give a good indication to the school and to you as parents of your child's reading and understanding level.



What is a Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD)?



- The STAR reading test gives us lots of information to use once each child has been tested.
- Your child will receive a ZPD range after taking a STAR Reading test.
- ZPD is the range of books that will **challenge** a child without causing **frustration** or **loss of motivation**.
- It is important for children to read with a **high degree of comprehension** and **within their ZPDs**.
- ZPDs will **change** throughout the year as your child will take several STAR reading tests. Your child will see an increase in their ZPD and this is the **motivator** for them. **It is a sign that they are making progress.**

What is a Book Level?

- Book Levels are reported using an intelligent readability formula and represent the difficulty of the text.
- The levels range from 0.5 - 13.5. Books are chosen based on the ZPD range recommended for each pupil by the STAR reading test.

Accelerated Reader
Book Level Guide

● 0.0 - 1.9

● 2.0 -2.9

● 3.0 -3.9

● 4.0 - 4.9


● 5.0 - 5.9

● 6.0 +

How can I support when choosing a book from the library, bookstore or at home?

- All the stock in our library has been labelled to show that it is an AR book. Each book is labelled with the book level and reading suitability - lower/upper years.
- Alternatively, you may go to www.arbookfind.co.uk to conduct a search of all books with AR quizzes so that your child can enjoy an even larger range of books.

www.arbookfind.co.uk/user/type.aspx




AR BookFinder

Welcome

Searching for Accelerated Reader books is fun and easy with this free online tool.

Please tell us who you are:

Pupil
 Parent
 Teacher
 Librarian



What rewards will my child get?

- Awards assemblies are held termly and the rewards will be based on points accumulated over a period of time, words read over time and progress made in reading levels/quizzes.
- There are opportunities for **individual**, **form** and **house** awards.
- There will be celebrations for everyone - not just those who read the more challenging books or 'bigger' books.
- Remember, the focus for us as teachers is how your child does in their quizzes. The higher the score, the better their comprehension of what they have read. It doesn't matter about how many words or pages they can read, but what they have understood.



Reading Quiz

Kensuke's Kingdom

Question 1 of 10

Which event resulted in Michael's dad's decision to sail around the world?

- A The family unexpectedly received an inheritance from a long lost relative.
- B Michael failed a geography exam at school and left.
- C He turned fifty and wanted to do something extraordinary with his life.
- D He was made redundant from his job at the brickworks.

Vocabulary Quiz

Question 2 of 10

Mum was excited when she learned that Ben would perform a solo piece. What does solo mean?

- A known to and liked by many people
- B belonging to or from an earlier period of time
- C completed or done by one's self or by one person
- D having a high level of difficulty

Literacy Quiz

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Question 1 of 12

It was the Oompa-Loompas' opinion that Augustus Gloop was ---.

- A repulsive
- B a winner
- C adorable
- D kind-hearted

What if my child doesn't like reading?

- Using Accelerated Reader, your child will choose the books they want to read as there is an abundance of choice.
- Their teacher/our librarian will make certain the book is at the right level so that after completing the book, your child should do well on the AR Reading Practice Quiz.
- Success on the quiz will encourage your child to read more. With guidance from the teacher, and success, even pupils who say they don't like reading will develop a love of reading as it will become more routine.
- There will be an element of competition through the rewards system so this should encourage participation from everyone.

How can I help my child to become a better reader?

- Encourage your child to read at home and you can help record progress in your child's reading log in their planner.
- When reading together, stop and ask questions to check that your child understands what they have read.
- Reading with your child, no matter how old they are, is an important part of developing a good reader, building a lifelong love of reading and learning.
- According to research, children who read at least 20 minutes a day with a 90% comprehension rate on AR quizzes see the greatest gains.
- Your child needs to quiz on the books that they finish within 24 hours ideally, so they can recall as much detail as possible.

How will I know how my child is doing?

- You'll be able to log on using Renaissance Home Connect.
- We have your login information ready for you to take away today.
- You will be able to see how your child is doing and you can access a TOPS Report that tells you and your child how they are doing so you can follow their progress.

Key Points

- Encourage your child to read daily either independently or with an adult.
- Make sure your child has a reading book. They can bring one from home or use our wonderful library! Children can change their books at break, lunchtime or in their library lesson.
- The focus is on the pupil's understanding of their reading as well as their enjoyment. They should be getting a minimum of seven out of ten on their quizzes to show good progress.

Thank you for your time - any questions or anything you'd like to be clarified?

If you think of anything, please email:

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